GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services - Registration & Stamps - Allegation of corruption against Sri P. Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar, O/o the Sub Registrar, Patamata, Vijayawada (now retired) and other - Surprise check conducted on 10.03.2008 by the ACB - Departmental action initiated - Regular Enquiry Officer appointed- Report received - Enquiry Report communicated - Representation received - Let off from the charges - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE - II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.979

<u>Dated: 10-11-2014</u> Read the following:

- 1) Radio Message from the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada C.No.2/SC-ACB-VJA/08, dt:11-3-2008.
- 2) DG, ACB, A.P., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.014/DES-VKI/2008-S9, dt:5-6-2008.
- 3) Govt., Memo.No.17808/Vig.VI(1)/2008-1, dt:15-10-2008
- 4) DIG, R&S, Vijayawada Memo.No.E1/247/2008, dt:18-11-2008
- 5) Representation of Sri P. Yagnanarayana, SR, SRO, Patamata, Vijayawada dt:24-12-2008.
- 6) Govt., Memo.No.17808/Vig.VI(1)/2008-3, dt:5-6-2010.
- 7) Govt. Memo.No.17808/Vig.VI (1)/2008-4, dated: 20.07.2010
- 8) DIG, R&S, Vijayawada Procs.No.E1/174/2010, dt:3-3-2011.
- 9) Govt. Memo.No.17808/Vig.VI(1)/2008-6, dated: 19.11.2012.
- 10) DIG, R&S, Vijayawada Lr.No.E1/2470/2008, dt:17-2-2014 along with enquiry report.
- 11) Govt., Memo.No.17808/Vig.II(1)/2014-7, dt:18-8-2014.
- 12) DIG, R&S, Vijayawada Lr.No.E1/247/2008, dt:10-9-2014 along with Representation of Sri P.Yagnanarayana, SR (Retd) and another.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that on credible information that the Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Patamata, Vijayawada and his staff were indulged in corrupt practices and collecting amounts other than legal remuneration from the parties for registering their documents, a surprise check had been conducted over the O/o the Sub Registrar, Patamata, Vijayawada by the ACB authorities on 10-3-2008 and found certain irregularities.

- 2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau had furnished report and recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri P.Yagnanarayana, Sub Registrar, Patamata, Vijayawada among other besides transfer to a far off non focal post.
- 3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government after examination of the matter have directed the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps to initiate departmental action against Sri P.Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar, Patamata and another and submit the inquiry report to the Government for taking further action.
- 4. In the reference 4th read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada had framed the following charges against Sri P.Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar, Patamata (Now Retired) and another duly calling explanation.

Charge:I

That he while discharging his duty at the time of surprise check on 10-03-2008, possessed an amount of Rs.40,000/- and when the ACB officials were about to search him, he threw the amount from his pocket on the floor beside his seat.

Charge: II

That he indulged in corrupt practices collecting huge amounts of bribe from the vendees by engaging private document writers inside their office.

Chrge: III

That he did not sign in the Non-Judicial General Stock Register and Special adhesive Stamp Register from 28-02-2008 to 10-03-2008, which disclosed improper maintenance of important registers and

Charge: IV

That he while discharging his duties at the time of surprise check on 10-03-2008, an unaccounted money of Rs.1,150/- was found that was secreted under the books in Record Room and also Rs.500/- was found on the floor of waiting room (also being used as Record Room) situated to the western side of Sub-Register's Dais, Patamata, Vijayawada.

- 5. The Charged Officer had submitted Written Statement of Defence in the reference 5th read above and having not convinced, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada had appointed District Registrar, Krishna, Machilipatnam as Regular Enquiry Officer in the reference 8th read above.
- 6. The Regular Enquiry Officer submitted Inquiry report and held that the Charges-I,II & IV held not proved in respect of Sri P.Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar (Retd), O/o the Sub Registrar Office, Patamata, Vijayawada. The only charge (Charge-III) proved in the regular enquiry is that of improper maintenance of important registers i.e., the Charged Officer did not sign in the Stock Registers.
- 7. Government have examined the matter and communicated the Regular Enquiry Officer report to the Charged Officer Sri P. Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar, Patamata (now Retired) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada with a direction to offer his representation if any within 15 days on the findings of Regular Enquiry Officer in the reference 11th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his representation to Government through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada and requested the Government to drop further action against him, as he has not committed any mistake.
- 8. Government after careful examination of the matter observed that the Charged Officer Sri P.Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar, Patamata, Vijayawada has retired almost four years back and the charge which is held proved was only technical in nature and there was no substantive charge against him. Therefore, Government have decided, and hereby order to let off Sri P.Yagnanarayana, former Sub Registrar (now Retired), Patamata, Vijayawada from the charges framed against him.

9. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, AP., Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.SINGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, AP., Hyderabad

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada. The Individual

(through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada) Copy to:

The Secretary to the VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P., Hyderabad The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad SF / SC

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